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1. SUMMARY: THE SECOND SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF
THE UN SYSTEM CONCLUDED ON MARCH 4. THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED
BY CONSENSUS THE DRAFT DECISIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR
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INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP THAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BY
THE CONTACT GROUP MARCH 2 AND 3. THE UNITED STATES
JOINED THE CONSENSUS AND INDICATED ITS CONTINUED RESERVATIONS
REGARDING RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 3362 OF THE

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. END SUMMARY

2. THE CONTACT GROUP, AS CALLED FOR BY THE INFORMAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 1 (REFTEL A), MET MARCH 2 AND 3. BASED ON THE THREE WORKING PAPERS PRESENTED BY THE US (REFTELB), THE G-77 (REFTEL :), AND THE EC-9 (REFTEL B) AT THE INFORMATION SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, THE CONTACT GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD REQUEST THE SYG, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION, TO PRESENT THE WORKING GROUP WITH OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION REGARDING THE PROBLEM AREAS INCLUDED IN THE GUIDELINES FOR THE WORKING GROUP.

4. THE CONTACT GROUP FURTHER DECIDED TO REQUEST THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE AN INDEX OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS IN TERMS OF THE PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION.

5. FINALLY, THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD INVITE THE SYG TO SUBMIT TO THE WORKING GROUP AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART SHOWING THE COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SECRETARIAT BODIES.

6. THE COMMITTEE MET IN RESUMED INFORMAL SESSION MARCH 4 TO CONSIDER A SCHEDULE FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED APRIL 12 THROUGH 23, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS UP TO JUNE 1 TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. THE SECRETARIAT HAD INDICATED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES IS VERY LIMITED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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7. THE COMMITTEE THEN RESUMED FORMAL SESSION AND ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS THE DECISIONS REPORTED FROM THE CONTACT GROUP (TEXT BELOW). THE US DEL (MYERSON) JOINED THE CONSENSUS BUT INDICATED OUR CONTINUED RESERVATIONS REGARDING PORTIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION (TEXT BELOW.)

8. MADAGASCAR, SPEAKING FOR THE G-77, SAID THE GROUP FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE PARAMOUNT OBJECTIVE OF RE-STRUCTURING IS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION SHOWN BY THE EC-9, THE SOCIALIST STATES, ALL OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED

STATES, AND "EVEN THE UNITED STATES", DESPITE SOME WELL UNDERSTOOD RESERVATIONS.

9. COMMENT AND ANALYSIS ON THE SECOND SESSION OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

10. QUOTE
RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE AT ITS SECOND SESSION

NOTE BY THE RAPPORTEUR

I
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM:

RECALLING THE OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES SET FORTH IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS REQUESTED TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

DETERMINED TO WORK IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO MAKE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM MORE FULLY CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER, IN PURSUANCE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3172 (XXVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1973 AND 3343 (XXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974, AND TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES,

REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE OVER ALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IN FULFILLING THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER,

NOTING THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1995 (XIX) AND THE REQUEST OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE FORTHCOMING DELIBERATIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT,

DECIDES THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE THE

FOLLOWING PROBLEM AREAS:

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

IMPROVING THE OVER-ALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN FULFILLING ITS ROLE UNDER THE CHARTER

2. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
IN FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CHARTER

3. OTHER UNITED NATIONS FORA FOR NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING

UNCTAD AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND PROGRAMMES,
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, 1/ IAEA, AND
AD HOC WORLD CONFERENCES

4. STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION

5. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

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REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES AND VOLUNTARY
FUNDS AND OF EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND MACHINERY

6. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND EVALUATION

HARMONIZATION AND EVALUATION OF MEDIUM-TERM PLANS AND PROGRAMMES
CARRIED OUT BY THE SYSTEM

7. INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION

8. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES

FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, INFORMATION ACTIVITIES AND
PERSONNEL MATTERS

II

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DECIDES TO TRANSMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
THE ABOVE DECISION AND INVITES HIM, IN HIS CAPACITY
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-
ORDINATION, TO PRESENT TO THE WORKING GROUP OPTIONS AND POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE ISSUES
CONTAINED THEREIN.

III

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DECIDES TO REQUEST THE SECRETARIAT TO
PREPARE AND INDEX OF THE REFERENCES CONTAINED IN THE
SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND SESSIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE TO THE PROBLEM AREAS LISTED IN THE ABOVE
DECISION.

IV

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE INVITES THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP AN ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART, BASED ON EXISTING LEGISLATIVE TEXTS, SHOWING THE CO-OR-
DINATION RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED
TO THE VARIOUS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SECRETARIAT BODIES,
INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-
ORDINATION.

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IS TREATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS A DE FACTO SP-
ECIALIZED AGENCY. (SEE, INTER ALIA, E/SR.1973)

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11. STATEMENT FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IS PLEASED TO
JOIN IN THE CONSENSUS OF THE DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING
GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY. WE
CONSIDER THE DECISION IMPORTANT BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS
CONTENT AND BECAUSE OF THE FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE MAN-
NER IN WHICH THE CONTACT GROUP DRAFTED IT.

THE THE GROUP--AND THIS COMMITTEE AT ITS
PRESENT SESSION--HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED ITS WORK
IS IN NO SMALL MEASURE DUE TO THE JUDICIOUS AND EFFECTIVE
FASHION IN WHICH YOU HAVE PRESIDED OVER THE MEETINGS
WITH THE ABLE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIT. WE ARE
ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE ATTITUDES
SHOWN BY ALL GROUPS AND DELEGATIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN WE HAVE BEFORE US AN AMBITIOUS
PROGRAM. SOME MIGHT CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO TAKE
ON TOO MUCH FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS. AND WE HAVE
NEVER UNDERESTIMATED THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN OUR TASK.
I, FOR ONE, HOWEVER WOULD MUCH PREFER TO SEE THE COMMITTEE SET
IT SIGHTS TOO HIGH THAN TO SEE THEM SET TOO LOW.
THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED
WITH THE DOCUMENT.

IN A BROADER CONTEXT, MR. CHAIRMAN WE SEE THE
RESTRUCTURING ACTIVITIES AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FOLLOW-
UP TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. AS MY DELEGATION HAS
REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR IN THIS COMMITTEE AND ELSEWHERE,
THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO ATTACH MAJOR IMPORTANCE
TO THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE TO
IMPLEMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362. NATURALLY,
NOTHING THAT WE HAVE DONE IN THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE

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CONSTRUED AS MODIFYING THE BASIS UNDERSTANDING REACHED--
AND THE POSITIONS TAKEN--AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.
ACCORDINGLY, WITH REGARD TO PART I OF THE DECISION
PAPER, I WISH TO RECALL MY DELEGATIONS STATEMENT IN THE AD
HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 16,
1975. IN THAT STATEMENT, THE UNITED STATES MADE CLEAR
THAT IT MAINTAINS ITS POSITION ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE
SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. THAT IS STILL THE CASE.
AT THE SAME TIME, AS EMPHASIZED IN OUR STATEMENT DURING
THIS COMMITTEE'S GENERAL DEBATE, DIFFERENCES AND
RESERVATIONS OVER THESE ISSUES NEED NOT PREVENT OR
INTERFERE WITH COOPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE WORK IN REVIEW-
ING THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES TO
MAKE THEM RESPONSIVE TO MODERN REQUIREMENTS.
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